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TAGS: PORS, NU

SUBJECT: GON CONTINUES PURSUIT OF TERRORISTS

1. MILITARY COURT OF INVESTIGATION CONVENED TO HEAR EVIDENCE REGARDING SANDINISTA NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT (FSLN) INCIDENT OF DECEMBER 27-31 BEGAN SESSIONS JANUARY 29. THIS COURT WHICH ENJOYS A WIDE MANDATE FOR ITS INVESTIGATION WAS CREATED BY SPECIAL DECREE UNDER MARTIAL LAW POWERS AND WILL RECOMMEND CASES FOR PROSECUTION TO A PERMANENT MILITARY TRIBUNAL WHICH WAS BROUGHT INTO EXISTENCE EARLIER BY SEPARATE DECREE.

2. FIRST WITNESSES CALLED WERE NEWSMAN LAZLO PATAKY AND BUSINESSMAN ALFREDO OSORIO. BOTH WERE AMONG HOSTAGES CAPTURED BY FSLN. NOTHING UNEXPECTED CAME OUT OF TESTIMONY WHICH FOCUSED ON WITNESSES' RECOLLECTIONS REGARDING TERRORISTS' IDENTITY, WEAPONS, AND PROCEDURE FOLLOWED DURING INCIDENT. COURT WILL PRESUMEDLY HEAR TESTIMONY FROM ALL THIRTEEN HOSTAGES AND HAS ALREADY CALLED TWO GALLO BROTHERS TO FOLLOW PATAKY AND OSORIO ON THE STAND.

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3. IN ANOTHER PHASE OF INVESTIGATION NATIONAL GUARD (GN) ISSUED COMMUNIQUE JANUARY 29 REVEALING THAT IT HAS IDENTIFIED SEVEN FSLN MEMBERS WHO HAD VISITED A HIDEOUT A SHORT DISTANCE OUTSIDE MANAGUA UP UNTIL A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE DECEMBER 27 ASSAULT ON THE HOME OF JOSE MARIA CASTILLO. ONE OF THE SEVEN, ALVARO ANTONIO JERONIMO MIRANDA, BALDIZON, OBTAINED ASYLUM IN THE COSTA RICAN EMBASSY ON JANUARY 28. THE COMMUNIQUE DOES NOT STATE WHETHER THE OTHER SIX, WHO INCLUDE THREE WOMEN, WERE AMONG THOSE WHO ATTACKED THE CASTILLO HOME (AND ARE THEREFORE PRESUMEDLY IN CUBA) OR NOT. ONE OF THEM, TOMAS BORGE MARTINEZ, IS A LONG-TIME FSLN ACTIVIST WHO WAS CONVICTED OF COMPLICITY IN 1956 ASSASSINATION OF ANASTASIO SOMOZA GARCIA.

4. EMBASSY INFORMED BY DIPLOMATIC SOURCES THAT MIRANDA FIRST SHOWED UP AT HOME OF PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR REQUESTING ASYLUM. PERUVIAN OBVIOUSLY WISHING TO AVOID EMBARRASSMENT OF ASYLEE ON THE PREMISES THEN DROVE HIM IN HIS PERSONAL CAR TO HOME OF COSTA RICAN AMBASSADOR WHERE MIRANDA WAS ADMITTED.

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